

REMARKS

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 09/988,873, filed November 21, 2001. Claims 11 to 14 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 11, 12 and 14 are independent. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Regarding the drawings, submitted herewith is a substitute drawing sheet for Figure 1. The substitute sheet incorporates changes requested in the parent application, which were approved by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to substitute the enclosed substitute sheet of Figure 1 for the original Figure 1 filed concurrently herewith.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

U.S. Patent 5,445,966
U.S. Patent 5,474,796
U.S. Patent 5,556,752
U.S. Patent 5,670,315
U.S. Patent 6,251,583
U.S. Patent 6,403,319
U.S. Patent 6,469,151

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/764,422	Jan. 19, 2001	1634
09/764,420	Jan. 19, 2001	1634
09/764,050	Jan. 19, 2001	1634

These documents were cited during prosecution of parent Application No. 09/988,873, either by Applicants or by the Examiner, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. Copies of each of the foregoing documents that were cited by Applicants in the parent application were provided in the parent application and therefore, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies are not being provided herein.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and to return the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication..

CONCLUSION

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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